This House will, I hope, unanimously agree to the ratification of the Bill which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 1962, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. "

The Resolution was put and carried.

(2) RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION (FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, I move—

" That this House ratifies the amendment of the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment) Bill, 1962, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament."

Sir, the French establishment of Pondicherry, Karikal, Mahe and Yanam became territories of the Indian Union with effect from the 16th August 1962, on which date the Treaty of Cession was ratified by the Governments of India and France. It is, therefore, necessary to specify these territories in the Constitution as a Union territory; this the Bill seeks to do, the name of the territory being ' Pondicherry '. When Pondicherry is included in the Union territories, representation will have to be given to it in Parliament. As the maximum of 20 members to represent the Union territories in the Lok Sabha, provided in Article 81 (1) (*b*) of the Constitution, has already been reached, this number is proposed to be increased to 25 for this purpose, and also to provide for future contingencies. Provision is also made in the Bill for representation of the territory in the Rajya Sabha.

Through a new Article 239-A, the Bill seeks to empower Parliament to enact laws for the creation of the Legislatures and Councils of Ministers in the Union territories of Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Goa, Daman and Diu and Pondicherry.

Before the Bill is presented to the President for his assent, it has to be ratified by the Legislatures of not less than one-half of the States, since the amendment of the Constitution proposed therein, falls within the purview of the proviso to Article 368. This House will, I hope, unanimously agree to the ratification of the Bill, which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That this House ratifies the amendment of the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368

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thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment) Bill, 1962, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament."

The Resolution was put and carried.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3.p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

Bills passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council.

*1. *The Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill*, 1962 (*L.A. Bill No.* 15 *of* 1962).

* 2. *The Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Bill*, 1962 (*L.A. Bill No.* 17 *of* 1962)

** 3. *The Madras Local Authorities (Extension of Term of Office of Members) Bill*, 1962 (*L.A. Bill No.* 18 *of* 1962).

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* Sent by special messenger on 31st October 1962.

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